

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FINAL BILL ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 1331

FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:

SPONSOR(S): Passidomo

116 Y's

1 N's

**COMPANION
BILLS:** N/A

GOVERNOR'S ACTION: Approved

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

HB 1331 passed the House on April 24, 2015, and subsequently passed the Senate on April 29, 2015. The bill amends a special act pertaining to the Immokalee Water and Sewer District, an independent special taxing district in Collier County governed by a 7-member board of commissioners, to provide that:

- Each board member may be paid up to \$250 per month per member as a salary or honorarium.
- At least a majority plus one vote of the board determines the amount of the salary or honorarium.
- A special notice of any meeting at which the board will consider a salary change for a member:
 - Must be published at least once at least 14 days before the meeting.
 - Must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the district is located.
- Board members may not be paid for unexcused absences from regularly scheduled board meetings.
- The board must adopt policies by resolution defining the excused and unexcused absences.

According to the Economic Impact Statement, the bill will not have any associated costs or revenues. However, approximately \$21,000, assuming each of the seven Immokalee Water and Sewer District board members is paid \$250 per month, is the maximum that could be funded for compensation from district general revenues.

The bill was approved by the Governor on June 10, 2015, ch. 2015-205, L.O.F., and became effective on that date.

I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

Background

The Immokalee Water and Sewer District, a special taxing district, is an independent special district in Collier County that was created in 1978.¹ A seven-member board of commissioners, appointed by the Governor for four-year terms, governs the Water and Sewer District.² Currently, commissioners are prohibited from receiving compensation for their services, but are entitled to travel and per diem reimbursement pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.³

Effect of the bill

The bill changes the current act to provide:

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II. FISCAL ANALYSIS, ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, & NOTICE/REFERENDUM

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

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¹ Ch. 98-495, Laws of Fla.

² *Id.* at s. 5.

³ *Id.* at s. 6.

C. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes No

D. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? February 13, 2015

WHERE? Naples Daily News, Collier County, Florida

E. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes No